



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Wood River Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Lincoln County

Legislative District(s) 25

Function or Conservation District Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resource management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

A total of 62 applications to prioritize and rank for the Environmental Quality Incentive program (EQIP) with only \$150,000.00 allocated for the District. However because other counties were unable to utilize their EQIP allocation the District ended up with a grand total of \$690,230.00. A total of 12 landowners were approved: 7 Irrigation systems, 3 Grazing systems, 1 Energy Conservation savings and 1 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) contract for a \$55,993.00 Conservation District Priority.



1 WATER QUALITY

- Applied for a Water Quality grant to conserve water and implement BMP's in the 700 Creek Drainage, North of Shoshone. Commission members along with District board members looked over agreement and signed. (Approved February 1, 2005).
- Received letter of support from DEQ and the WAG for the 700 Creek Drainage
- Completed the plan of work for 700 Creek Drainage February 26, 2005.
- Utilize the EQIP program, RCRDP loan applications, Conservation Improvement grants and other programs that have been available.

Conservation District Priority

2 ANIMAL WASTE

- Increase the knowledge base of landowner in dealing with all animal waste.
- To have responsible people apply animal waste in an agronomical approved application and rate.

Conservation District Priority

3 IRRIGATED CROPLAND

- Inform and educate landowners for opportunities on WQPA 700 Creek Drainage
- Received 9 WQPA applications and have contracted & designed with 1 landowner.
- 1 WQPA 700 Creek contract complete on irrigated cropland (Tony Pantone)
- EQIP (7 contracts for a total of 1520 acres)

Information & Education / Public Outreach:

The Wood River Soil Conservation District continues to conduct poster & speech contest along with contributions for Envirothon, Forestry contest, Stewardship week & Arbor Day. We also continue to educate landowners of new programs for agriculture with a quarterly newsletter. Promote and give scholarships for Natural Resource

Workshop held annually to local youths throughout the schools. We sponsored 2 returning campers and 3 new campers to NRW.

Hosted and attended the Legislative Luncheon at Burren West Magic. Carl Pendleton gave a power point presentation on the Middle Little Wood WQPA project and the before and after results.

Hold the annual Tree Sale for landowners to promote windbreaks, shelterbelts and snow fences.

The District continues to put out Newsletters, News articles, postcards, flyers and a webpage to inform the public of our annual Tree Sale, Water Quality, and other District issues.

The District sells over 5,000 trees annually while educating and contributing to students throughout the County giving them an opportunity to learn about trees as they sort, unload and sell for the District.

Community Collaboration & Coordination:

The WRSCD has continued their involvement with the locally led group by reviewing and approving the EQIP criteria, while establishing the resource of concern and ranking criteria for Lincoln County.

The board continues their involvement with the Richfield and Dietrich pressurization project. The District has received material on a draft plan already established with updated cost estimates on the Little Wood River Irrigation District Pressurized Delivery System. Ron Gill prepared this plan with assistance from other NRCS State Technical Staff as requested in November 24, 2004.

The District board continues to be involved with the snow maintenance course & snow survey. Bob Simpson, supervisor from Blaine SCD and manager of the Little Wood Canal presents a snow report and forecast during the months of January through March.

The District continues to work with the Southern Idaho biological weed control with financial contributions and staff involvement for the summer. The Lincoln Bug crew hired 4 students from the surrounding area, helping the community.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners:

To plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
WQPA	Clean up nutrients, phosphorus and nitrates in 700 Creek to benefit Big Wood River	\$ 300,000.00
Annual Tree Sale	Windbreaks, snow fences & shelterbelts	\$ 5,000.00
NRCS / USDA Farm Programs	Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 690,230.00
Glanbia / Court ruling on fish kill	Restoration on the Little Wood River	\$ 37,650.00
County / State	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
Idaho Fish and Game	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 5,993.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 6,678.95
State of Idaho	RCRDP grants	\$ 30,000.00
State of Idaho	RCRDP loans (15)	\$ 429,088.57
TOTAL		\$ 1,507,140.40

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

